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Conference News - December 2012



RESPONSE TO HURRICANE SANDY

Our Conference, like many across the nation, was moved by the destruction of Hurricane Sandy. With great generosity, relief dollars have poured in. Nearly \$3,000 was given by Community UCC, Pleasant Hill, TN. Many other SEC congregations have contributed generously as well. The UCC



has trained Disaster Network Coordinators and Church World Service (CWS) staff who will work with devastated communities in the United States to identify, plan for, and meet the unmet needs of these communities – to catch the folks who might otherwise fall through the cracks. Church partners in Haiti and Cuba are also being supported. The UCC promises to walk with communities suffering from disaster on the long road to restoration.

One hundred percent of your gift made to the United Church of Christ – Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund goes to support hurricane recovery programming. Church members' gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission basic support provide for the infrastructure necessary to make the UCC disaster response possible.

YOU CAN STILL HELP...

1. Pray for the people and communities across the Caribbean and the United States impacted by Hurricane Sandy.
2. To assist people impacted by this disaster, please make a gift payable to your congregation marked for "Hurricane Sandy Response" with the request that it be sent through your conference office, or mail to 1330 West Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30309-2904.

OR

Make a secure online donation to the Hurricane Sandy Response Fund.

Prepare Church World Service **Clean Up** and **Hygiene Kits**. They are urgently needed now and following all disasters.



Introducing the Rev. Leslie Etheredge, who serves on the Conference Board of Directors as Conference Liaison to Wider Church Ministries.

Leslie is an Alabama native but is quick to tell you she loves her Tennessee, home of the past eight years. She will tell you just as quickly that just because she hails from Alabama, her loyalties do not lie with the University of Alabama, but with her beloved Auburn University. In one year her daughter will become a third-generation graduate of Auburn, following in the footsteps of her two big brothers, mother, and grandfather. They are definitely "All In."

Leslie is the Associate Pastor at Church of the Savior UCC in Knoxville. She has been there three years, after doing chaplaincy work at LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, a Clinical Pastoral Education residency at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, and seminary at Memphis Theological Seminary. At COS, Leslie focuses most closely on ministries involving children,

youth and families, but does a little bit of everything, and enjoys working with women's issues and GLBT concerns.

In addition to her service on the Board, Leslie presently serves the Alabama-Tennessee Association as vice-moderator, in the second year of a one-year term.

Save the date for the next UCC Southeastern Women's Event!

What: Southeastern UCC Regional Women's Conference When: October 18-20, 2013

Where: Cerveny Conference Center at Camp Weed,
Live Oak, FL

Who: UCC Women from Southern, South East, South Central and Florida Conferences

Web: www.uccwomen.org

Contact: Mary Ruth at williamruth@hotmail.com williamruth@hotmail.com

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